

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Civil Action No. 1:16-cv-03088-ELR
	)	
STATE OF GEORGIA,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
	)	

**JOINT MOTION REQUESTING REFERRAL TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

NOW COME Plaintiff United States of America (“United States”) and Defendant State of Georgia (“State”), pursuant to the Court’s August 16, 2024 Order [Doc. 496 and 499] (“August 16 Order” or “Order”), and hereby file a Joint Motion Requesting Referral to Magistrate Judge.

Pursuant to the August 16 Order, this Court ordered the parties to attend mediation within sixty days of this Order. The parties have conferred and jointly request that this case be referred to a Magistrate Judge for mediation.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of  
September 2024.

RYAN K. BUCHANAN  
*United States Attorney*  
Northern District of Georgia

/s/ Aileen Bell Hughes  
AILEEN BELL HUGHES

GA Bar Number: 375505  
Assistant United States Attorney  
United States Department of Justice  
Richard B. Russell Federal Building  
75 Ted Turner Dr. SW  
Suite 600  
Atlanta, GA 30303-3309  
(404) 581.6000  
aileen.bell.hughes@usdoj.gov

KRISTEN CLARKE  
Assistant Attorney General

SHAHEENA A. SIMONS  
Chief

KELLY GARDNER WOMACK  
Deputy Chief

ANDREA HAMILTON WATSON  
Special Litigation Counsel

CLAIRE CHEVRIER  
FRANCES COHEN  
MATTHEW GILLESPIE  
VICTORIA M. LILL  
JESSICA POLANSKY  
LAURA C. TAYLOE

Christopher M. Carr 112505  
*Attorney General*

Bryan K. Webb 743580  
*Deputy Attorney General*

Katherine P. Stoff 536807  
*Sr. Assistant Attorney General*

Kristen L. Settlemyre 919430  
*Assistant Attorney General*

Office of the Attorney General  
40 Capitol Square, SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

/s/ Josh Belinfante

Josh Belinfante 047399

Melanie Johnson 466756

Edward A. Bedard 926148

Javier Pico Prats 664717

Danielle Hernandez 736830

Anna Edmondson 289667

ROBBINS ALLOY BELINFANTE  
LITTLEFIELD, LLC

500 14th St. NW

Atlanta, GA 30318

T: (678) 701-9381

F: (404) 856-3255

E: jbelinfante@robbinsfirm.com

mjohnson@robbinsfirm.com

ebedard@robbinsfirm.com

jpico prats@robbinsfirm.com

dhernandez@robbinsfirm.com

aedmondson@robbinsfirm.com

Alexa R. Ross 614986

AlexaRossLaw, LLC

MICHELLE L. TUCKER  
Trial Attorneys  
Educational Opportunities Section

2657 Danforth Lane  
Decatur, Georgia 30033  
E: alexarross@icloud.com

/s/ Kelly Gardner Womack  
United States Department of Justice  
Civil Rights Division  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530  
(202) 514-4092  
Kelly.Gardner@usdoj.gov

Special Assistant Attorneys General  
  
Attorneys for Defendant  
State of Georgia

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which automatically sent counsel of record e-mail notification of such filing.

Respectfully submitted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

*s/ Aileen Bell Hughes*  
AILEEN BELL HUGHES  
Assistant United States Attorney